January 22, 1968

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: MARK LANE and MORT SAHL

RE: MRS. FENELLA FARRINGTON
1514 Jefferson Avenue

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At your request I visited MRS FARRINGTON this afternoon at 1:45 p.m. With me was Mort Sahl. I explained to MRS. FARRINGTON that since she is a friend of Bryan Wagner and since Wagner is a friend of yours, that you had asked me to contact her informally for information regarding her observations in the Mexican Consulate in New Orleans during 1963. She was grateful for your kindness in not calling her before the Grand Jury and for permitting an informal statement instead.

She said that during September or October 1963 she visited the Mexican Consulate in New Orleans during the morning with her cousin MRS. LILLIAN STANTON MERILH. The purpose of her visit was to secure the release of her automobile which she and her husband had abandoned in Mexico when her husband suddenly became ill there. She was instructed to leave the papers which she had secured with the Consulate that morning and to return at 1:00 p.m. that afternoon. She returned at 1:00 p.m. and was instructed to wait. While waiting she observed a young man enter the Consulate together with a woman dressed in black with her head tied in a scarf. MRS. FARRINGTON was alone during her afternoon visit. The man, who was substantially taller than she is - she is 5'8-3/4" or 5'9" - was quite thin. The man asked the woman at the Consulate, "What is the weather like in Mexico City?" and the woman replied, "It's very hot. Just like it is here today." MRS. FARRINGTON said it was in the upper 80's or perhaps even 90 degrees in New Orleans. MRS. FARRINGTON then interrupted the conversation to state that, "No, it's not so hot in Mexico City. In fact it's like eternal spring there." The man then asked the woman at the Consulate, "What do you have to do to take firearms or a gun into Mexico?" The woman at the Consulate asked the man why he wanted a gun and MRS. FARRINGTON interrupted again, "The hunting's wonderful." MRS. FARRINGTON said that the man appeared worried and not relaxed as were other tourists seeking visas. She also said that he appeared to resent her interruptions and appeared ungrateful for the information.